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VALUE OF U.S. SPICE

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

IMPORTS INCREASES

Summary

The value of U.S. imports of specified condiments and flavoring materials in 1969 amounted to \$66.0 million, up \$3.3 million over the year before, and was well above the 1967 imports of \$59.6 million. High prices for cassia, cinnamon, ginger, and black and white pepper were largely responsible for the increase.

The black and white pepper market was very active during 1969. New York spot Lampung (Indonesian) prices soared from mid-August quotations of 35 cents per pound to as high as 69 cents per pound by early October, reflecting a poor Indonesian harvest together with heavy speculative buying by Singapore syndicates. Prices have since eased with Lampung pepper being quoted at about 57 cents per pound as of early March 1970. The sharp rise in prices came too late in the year to be fully reflected in 1969 U.S. import data.

New York spot prices for Bourbon vanilla in 1969 remained steady at \$5.50 to \$5.60 per pound, but imports were off slightly from the high level of the year before. Imports of cardamon, dill, poppy, celery seeds and of cloves declined in response to higher prices for these items.

Specified condiments and flavoring materials:
Approximate New York spot quotations as of
early March, 1966-70

Item	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	cents/lb.	cents/lb.	cents/lb.	cents/lb.	cents/lb.
ALLSPICE (PIMENTO):					
Jamaican	136	92	80	78	85
Guatemalan	135	76	79	1/	83
ANISE SEED:					
Spanish	32	40	34	30	28
CAPRICUM PEPPERS:					
Japanese Hontakas	52	48	52	52	45
Turkish	38	40	31	35	33
CARAWAY SEED:					
Dutch	21	19	20	23	21
Polish	20	17	18	23	20
CARDAMON SEED:					
Greens	425	325-360	225-245	260-350	600
Decorticated	695	600-650	360-420	300-350	630-750
CELERY SEED:					
French	48	43	45	63	275
Indian	21	24	27	54	225
CINNAMON:					
Ceylon No. 2	145	123	93	89	72
Seychelles	20	19	27	57	38
CLOVES:					
Malagasy	38	40	38	177	220
Tanzanian	2/ 71	2/ 70	2/ 70	177	210
CORIANDE SEED:					
Moroccan	11	17	17	13	14
Romanian	10	13	14	11	12
CUMMIN SEED:					
Iranian	42	29	20	24	25
DILL SEED:					
Indian	20	18	20	20	34
FENNEL SEED:					
Indian	27	26	27	32	48
GINGER:					
Indian, cochin	36	24	25	53	85
Nigerian, peeled	28	23	20	34	70
LAUREL LEAVES:					
Turkish	14	16	24	20	20
MACE:					
East Indian	175-260	153-185	100-143	91-115	92-140
MARJORAM:					
French	62-65	38	37	82	88
MUSTARD SEED:					
Canadian Yellow No. 1	11	12	13	10	10
NUTMEGS:					
East Indian	145-150	108-125	60-65	50-68	65-70
West Indian	140-150	107-115	43-60	55-65	63
PAKRIKA:					
Spanish	32-56	36-42	32-44	35-48	36-48
PEPPER, BLACK:					
Indonesian, Lampung	45	31	34	30	57
Indian, Malabar	45	38	37	39	57
Brazilian	43	30	31	26	40
PEPPER, WHITE:					
Indonesian, Muntok	62	47	37	34	50
Brazilian	62	47	37	34	52
POPPY SEED:					
Dutch	30	25	23	37	39
Turkish	26	19	18	28	33
ROSEMARY:					
Portuguese	8	13	11	13	12
SAGE:					
Albanian	28	30	30	32	35
SAVORY:					
Yugoslavian	17	14	14	39-45	60
SESAME SEED:					
Unhulled	16-20	16-20	15-18	17-20	23
THYME:					
French	34	33	33	32	33-42
Spanish	20	18	17	10-17	19
TURMERIC:					
Indian, Alleppey	20	16	32	35-64	44-55
VANILLA BEANS:					
Bourbon	525-550	520-535	550-575	550-560	550-560
Indonesian	485-495	500-510	500-510	530-540	530-540
Tahitian	625-650	625-650	725-750	775-800	700

1/ Not quoted. 2/ Handpicked.

Specified condiments and flavoring materials:
United States imports, 1968-69

Condiments and flavoring materials <u>1/</u>	1968		1969 <u>2/</u>	
	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>dollars</u> <u>3/</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>dollars</u> <u>3/</u>
Allspice (pimento)	1,022	708	949	678
Anise Seed	369	88	553	129
Basil	133	40	126	75
Capers	2,230	589	2,393	780
Capsicum or Red Peppers	10,758	2,731	10,261	2,192
(ground)	4,305	1,167	3,152	832
Caraway Seed	7,669	1,222	6,435	1,019
Cardamon Seed	118	310	95	244
Cassia	8,966	5,422	7,895	7,711
Celery Seed	3,790	835	2,966	1,086
Cinnamon	5,202	1,691	6,306	2,790
Cloves	3,919	1,525	971	1,098
Coriander Seed	3,553	288	2,675	231
Cumin Seed	3,952	559	5,170	714
Curry & Curry Powder	60	35	76	41
Dill Seed	711	84	436	72
Fennel Seed	974	168	923	171
Ginger Root	3,592	675	4,970	1,395
Laurel Leaves	662	123	703	111
Mace	503	265	607	349
Marjoram	837	222	357	143
(other than crude)	34	9	-	-
Mint Leaves	100	62	119	64
(manufactured).....	72	43	11	25
Mustard Seed	62,151	4,766	63,134	4,113
(ground)	1,612	608	1,254	511
Nutmegs	4,106	1,625	3,972	1,606
Origanum Leaves	3,279	782	3,116	789
(other than crude)	-	-	24	5
Paprika <u>4/</u>	12,863	4,153	11,429	3,532
Parsley	13	2	11	2
(manufactured)	49	27	54	26
Pepper, black	48,827	13,000	48,390	13,960
Pepper, white	4,239	1,345	5,610	1,892
(black & white ground)	26	6	-	-
Poppy Seed	8,073	1,528	5,427	1,411
Rosemary	832	57	461	44
Sage	2,687	674	2,583	634
Savory	4	1	86	14
Sesame Seed	33,993	4,799	38,819	5,434
Tarragon	3	2	30	25
Thyme	618	101	872	149
Turmeric	3,384	556	3,126	815
Vanilla Beans	2,160	9,835	1,903	9,070
Mixed Spices	70	64	118	66
Total	252,520	62,792	248,568	66,048

1/ Unground unless otherwise specified.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Market value in country of origin, exclusive of import duty, freight and insurance charges.

4/ Ground and unground.

United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69

Commodity and origin 1/	1968		1969 2/	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/
ALLSPICE (PIMENTO):				
British Honduras	9.3	6.0	---	---
Costa Rica	4.4	2.9	---	---
Guatemala	26.3	16.8	51.2	33.4
Honduras	100.8	67.1	73.6	50.5
Jamaica	757.9	536.4	769.1	560.5
Mexico	123.1	78.7	54.7	34.0
Total	1,021.8	707.9	948.6	678.4
ANISE SEED:				
Bulgaria	10.9	1.5	---	---
Germany, West	---	---	2.3	.5
Lebanon	3.3	.7	---	---
Mexico	34.4	11.5	52.3	11.1
Netherlands	30.5	4.7	---	---
Spain	276.9	66.9	498.5	117.3
Yugoslavia	11.3	1.8	---	---
Other	1.3	.7	---	---
Total	368.6	87.8	553.1	128.9
BASIL:				
Belgium	3.4	1.7	3.7	3.3
France	20.6	10.0	75.3	49.7
Hungary	57.4	14.1	24.1	13.4
Germany, West	---	---	1.6	1.0
Italy	.5	.4	1.5	1.2
Mexico	3.0	.7	---	---
Yugoslavia	47.8	13.0	20.0	6.3
Total	132.7	39.9	126.2	74.9
CAPERS:				
Italy	9.3	2.2	7.3	2.8
Morocco	1,096.0	299.6	1,019.9	360.6
Spain	1,121.6	284.0	1,363.8	415.0
Other	3.5	3.3	1.5	1.7
Total	2,230.4	589.1	2,392.5	780.1
CAPSICUM, CAYENNE OR RED PEPPERS:				
Ethiopia	---	---	483.4	192.0
India	247.2	60.1	99.2	19.6
Japan	4,629.8	1,430.0	3,612.9	928.9
Mexico	4,328.9	802.7	4,975.6	783.3
Nigeria	56.3	11.4	96.9	17.7
Pakistan	100.2	18.8	66.1	9.9
Spain	12.9	2.5	---	---
Taiwan	24.3	6.6	---	---
Tanzania	217.4	70.0	156.7	44.5
Turkey	876.0	212.4	628.1	153.5
Uganda	172.8	45.7	69.3	18.1
Others	92.0	70.8	72.3	24.9
Total	10,757.8	2,731.0	10,260.5	2,192.4

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin 1/	1968		1969 2/	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/
CAPSICUM, CAYENNE OR RED PEPPERS.				
(Ground):				
Ethiopia	464.8	192.0	290.7	117.2
Japan	1.5	.6	4.4	2.3
Mexico	3,547.2	887.5	2,787.7	697.0
Senegal	126.3	53.6	---	---
Turkey	121.1	25.7	22.0	5.0
Other	44.0	8.0	47.6	10.9
Total	4,304.9	1,167.4	3,152.4	832.4
CARAWAY SEED:				
Denmark	74.8	12.3	135.5	18.6
Finland	---	---	66.1	10.4
Lebanon	75.6	9.2	87.4	10.9
Netherlands	4,511.3	735.5	3,776.3	618.5
Poland	3,007.0	464.9	2,369.8	360.8
Total	7,668.7	1,221.9	6,435.1	1,019.2
CARDAMON SEED:				
Ceylon	7.2	13.6	4.5	8.5
Costa Rica	2.7	3.1	1.9	3.4
Guatemala	71.6	145.7	66.3	140.0
India	24.3	115.1	14.3	72.1
Seychelles	6.8	19.2	---	---
Tanzania	2.2	3.7	6.6	13.2
Other	2.9	9.3	1.2	6.6
Total	117.7	309.7	94.8	243.8
CASSIA:				
Ceylon	2.5	1.9	---	---
Hong Kong	47.8	15.3	---	---
India	---	---	481.2	157.7
Indonesia	8,525.9	5,270.9	6,762.7	7,298.7
Japan	---	---	33.1	29.9
Malaysia	127.7	62.3	196.4	121.8
Netherlands	11.0	4.2	---	---
Singapore	54.4	25.0	58.8	40.9
Thailand	2.2	1.9	---	---
Taiwan	176.6	24.5	358.4	57.8
Vietnam, South	17.6	16.0	4.4	4.0
Total	8,965.7	5,422.0	7,895.0	7,710.8
CELERY SEED:				
France	187.6	74.8	171.7	99.5
India	3,546.6	748.2	2,794.2	986.7
Indonesia	56.1	11.7	---	---
Total	3,790.3	834.7	2,965.9	1,086.2
CINNAMON:				
Ceylon	826.8	616.6	1,185.1	678.5
India	125.5	35.0	55.4	26.0
Indonesia	27.2	33.9	44.7	18.8
Kenya	151.8	27.6	22.5	9.0
Malagasy Republic	112.2	36.4	1,801.7	781.5
Seychelles	3,618.7	863.0	2,814.0	1,095.1
South Africa	45.1	7.5	215.1	107.1
Others	295.0	71.0	167.5	73.6
Total	5,202.3	1,691.0	6,306.0	2,789.6

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin 1/	1968		1969 2/	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/
CLOVES:				
Ceylon	---	---	47.1	48.6
Indonesia	156.7	72.9	265.1	255.1
Malagasy Republic	2,955.4	1,098.0	396.8	357.9
Malaysia	65.9	63.4	11.9	16.0
Mozambique	55.1	17.5	---	---
Tanzania	617.6	244.2	235.2	397.1
Other	68.1	29.2	14.4	23.4
Total	3,918.8	1,525.2	970.5	1,098.1
CORIANDER SEED:				
Argentina	178.3	21.5	333.7	27.6
Mexico	11.0	1.2	59.4	5.9
Morocco	2,426.7	193.5	1,626.4	142.6
Romania	768.9	59.5	541.3	41.8
Spain	65.4	5.7	---	---
Yugoslavia	98.5	6.2	32.7	3.4
Other	4.4	.5	81.9	9.9
Total	3,553.2	288.1	2,675.4	231.2
CUMMIN SEED:				
Canada	4.4	.9	---	---
Cyprus	11.0	2.4	22.0	4.9
India	23.9	3.9	1.2	.5
Iran	3,889.5	548.4	4,986.3	683.6
Israel	---	---	38.4	5.8
Lebanon	23.4	3.3	9.7	1.3
Mexico	---	---	49.3	7.2
Turkey	---	---	63.0	10.6
Total	3,952.2	558.9	5,169.9	713.9
CURRY AND CURRY POWDER:				
India	48.1	25.6	37.9	21.1
Japan	8.8	6.3	21.5	12.7
Malaysia	1.7	.8	1.5	.9
Pakistan	---	---	11.0	1.8
Other	1.9	2.0	3.7	4.2
Total	60.5	34.7	75.6	40.7
DILL SEED:				
Hungary	---	---	43.5	5.2
India	709.9	83.6	391.2	66.3
Netherlands	1.0	.4	.8	.3
Total	710.9	84.0	435.5	71.8
FENNEL SEED:				
Argentina	100.9	13.3	91.0	9.8
Bulgaria	21.8	2.6	216.4	28.7
Germany, West	23.4	3.0	6.1	1.0
Greece	33.0	4.6	22.0	2.9
Hungary	---	---	52.7	7.1
India	772.2	141.2	485.4	112.6
Lebanon	22.0	2.7	32.8	5.4
Yugoslavia	---	---	10.6	1.4
Other	.4	.5	5.9	1.8
Total	973.7	167.9	922.9	170.7

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin <u>1/</u>	1968	1969 <u>2/</u>		
	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>dollars</u> <u>3/</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>dollars</u> <u>3/</u>
GINGER ROOT:				
Fiji Islands	777.3	99.2	823.7	105.1
India	134.3	23.9	100.8	33.8
Jamaica	577.1	204.4	417.0	265.1
Nigeria	1,124.2	166.2	2,807.4	656.1
Sierra Leone	835.2	158.1	623.5	253.7
Other	143.6	23.3	197.3	81.3
Total	3,591.7	675.1	4,969.7	1,395.1
LAUREL LEAVES:				
Mexico	10.8	1.7	---	---
Portugal	23.0	2.5	2.4	.3
Spain	---	---	21.6	2.0
Turkey	627.7	119.0	678.6	108.3
Total	661.5	123.2	702.6	110.6
MACE:				
India	18.9	16.4	---	---
Indonesia	473.6	239.2	589.8	338.5
Leeward & Windward Islands	---	---	15.4	9.6
Netherlands	2.1	1.6	2.2	1.2
Other	8.3	8.2	---	---
Total	502.9	265.4	607.4	349.3
MARJORAM (Crude):				
Canada	109.2	4.9	---	---
Chile	28.4	7.5	---	---
France	318.1	136.1	223.5	119.0
Lebanon	71.0	12.6	61.8	12.2
Mexico	294.2	54.2	53.1	5.8
Peru	4.2	1.0	9.7	3.4
Poland	11.0	4.5	---	---
Other	1.1	.8	9.2	3.0
Total	837.2	221.6	357.3	143.4
MARJORAM (Other than crude):				
Mexico	27.1	6.7	---	---
Poland	6.6	2.7	---	---
Total	33.7	9.4	---	---
MINT LEAVES (Crude):				
Bulgaria	39.6	25.9	44.8	24.9
Egypt	20.7	9.7	48.0	22.4
Germany, West	21.0	13.6	7.5	3.6
Poland	6.6	5.5	2.2	1.7
Romania	---	---	4.4	2.4
Yugoslavia	8.5	5.3	5.5	3.4
Other	3.6	1.7	6.6	5.1
Total	100.0	61.7	119.0	63.5

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin 1/	1968		1969 2/	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/
MINT LEAVES (Manufactured):				
Germany, West	10.4	20.5	10.5	24.9
Greece	56.0	16.7	---	---
Switzerland	5.5	5.5	---	---
Syria	---	---	.4	.4
Total	71.9	42.7	10.9	25.3
MUSTARD SEED:				
Canada	53,674.9	3,953.9	61,158.0	3,896.6
Denmark	6,673.0	591.4	666.2	48.3
Ethiopia	249.2	36.9	510.8	63.5
Italy	532.8	88.7	326.1	57.1
United Kingdom	1,021.1	94.8	351.5	37.1
Other	---	---	121.2	9.9
Total	62,151.0	4,765.7	63,133.8	4,112.5
MUSTARD (Ground):				
Canada	---	---	17.7	9.0
Denmark	5.6	.3	---	---
France	146.2	89.1	160.1	103.3
Germany, West	104.1	50.7	103.2	51.8
New Zealand	---	---	70.2	20.5
Sweden	5.7	2.5	3.9	1.6
United Kingdom	1,343.3	460.1	874.8	314.3
Other	7.5	5.0	24.4	10.4
Total	1,612.4	607.7	1,254.3	510.9
NUTMEGS:				
Ceylon	100.8	27.4	109.8	26.5
India	15.4	5.1	---	---
Indonesia	3,232.6	1,295.3	3,172.9	1,256.5
Leeward & Windward Islands	579.8	210.2	547.8	252.1
Netherlands	44.7	16.6	55.9	30.4
Trinidad	21.2	9.4	16.2	8.3
Other	112.0	61.4	69.6	32.2
Total	4,106.5	1,625.4	3,972.2	1,606.0
ORIGANUM (Crude):				
Dominican Republic	6.4	1.1	38.0	5.5
France	---	---	37.1	10.5
Greece	2,016.1	563.1	1,863.8	581.4
Japan	80.0	24.0	---	---
Lebanon	11.2	1.8	11.2	2.0
Mexico	1,152.1	188.5	1,161.3	188.0
Portugal	2.5	.4	---	---
Turkey	10.6	2.7	---	---
Other	---	---	5.0	1.6
Total	3,278.9	781.6	3,116.4	789.0
ORIGANUM (Other than crude):				
Mexico	---	---	24.3	5.1
Total	---	---	24.3	5.1

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin <u>1/</u>	1968	1969 <u>2/</u>
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars <u>3/</u>
PAPRIKA: <u>4/</u>		
Bulgaria	2,423.0	861.2
Ethiopia	---	59.6
Germany, West	37.5	12.7
Hungary	320.7	119.1
Japan	58.5	15.7
Morocco	1,834.4	503.7
Spain	7,471.7	2,389.9
Turkey	187.4	74.2
Yugoslavia	400.4	139.5
Other	129.4	36.6
Total	12,863.0	4,152.6
PARSLEY (Crude):		
Canada	4.8	.5
Dominican Republic	3.6	.6
Germany, West	---	---
Yugoslavia	4.4	.5
Total	12.8	1.6
PARSLEY (Manufactured):		
Belgium	1.3	.3
Czechoslovakia	---	---
Germany, West	42.2	23.8
Hungary	5.5	2.8
Total	49.0	26.9
PEPPER, BLACK:		
Bolivia	220.5	50.0
Brazil	8,020.5	1,870.0
Ceylon	603.2	185.9
India	2,577.8	819.0
Indonesia	34,217.4	9,238.0
Jamaica	3.4	1.4
Malaysia	1,625.7	411.8
Philippines	112.0	33.6
Singapore	1,198.9	309.1
Other	247.4	81.1
Total	48,826.8	12,999.9
PEPPER, WHITE:		
Brazil	121.2	39.2
India	11.2	3.5
Indonesia	3,847.5	1,223.6
Malaysia	101.4	27.4
Singapore	134.4	43.2
Other	22.9	8.0
Total	4,238.6	1,344.9

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United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin 1/	1968		1969 2/	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars 3/
PEPPER, BLACK AND WHITE (Ground):				
Germany, West	3.1	.5	---	---
India	23.0	5.6	---	---
Total	26.1	6.1	---	---
POPPY SEED:				
Bulgaria	142.1	23.1	---	---
Germany, West	---	---	44.0	13.0
Netherlands	1,865.6	384.9	1,612.0	482.0
Poland	1,792.6	367.3	1,017.0	260.0
Romania	2,268.6	406.0	424.0	109.0
Sweden	11.0	2.8	---	---
Turkey	1,916.7	331.6	2,163.0	504.0
Yugoslavia	75.9	12.0	22.0	6.0
Other	---	---	145.0	37.0
Total	8,072.5	1,527.7	5,427.0	1,411.0
ROSEMARY:				
France	144.1	4.6	127.8	16.1
Israel	---	---	5/	.3
Portugal	465.9	35.5	172.2	12.9
Spain	174.8	11.3	106.7	7.3
Yugoslavia	47.0	5.1	54.5	7.5
Total	831.8	56.5	461.2	44.1
SAGE:				
Albania	877.8	150.2	864.3	133.3
Greece	---	---	3.7	1.8
Italy	97.4	23.4	169.3	33.9
Romania	33.0	5.8	---	---
Turkey	---	---	97.1	10.2
Yugoslavia	1,614.1	484.2	1,445.8	453.9
USSR	53.5	7.9	---	---
Other	11.2	2.9	2.4	1.0
Total	2,687.0	674.4	2,582.6	634.1
SAVORY:				
France	---	---	16.8	5.4
Netherlands	.1	.3	---	---
Spain	---	---	21.5	3.0
Yugoslavia	4.3	.4	47.7	5.6
Total	4.4	.7	86.0	14.0
SESAME SEED:				
Canada	194.7	10.3	---	---
Ethiopia	99.5	10.0	3,489.0	403.0
Guatemala	7,821.2	907.5	6,072.0	711.0
Mexico	11,168.3	1,555.3	8,584.0	1,468.0
Nicaragua	10,266.1	1,778.9	10,746.0	1,807.0
Salvador	4,244.8	505.9	2,622.0	315.0
Sudan	---	---	6,904.0	680.0
Other	198.4	31.4	402.0	50.0
Total	33,993.0	4,799.3	38,819.0	5,434.0

(Continued)

United States: Imports of specified condiments and flavoring
materials by country of origin, 1968-69--Continued

Commodity and origin ^{1/}	1968		1969 ^{2/}	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars ^{3/}	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars ^{3/}
TARRAGON:				
France	---	---	11.1	13.2
Netherlands	---	---	1.8	1.1
Yugoslavia	3.3	1.8	17.3	10.3
Total	3.3	1.8	30.2	24.6
THYME:				
France	212.1	59.0	312.4	85.0
Netherlands	8.8	.9	---	---
Spain	397.5	41.3	559.7	64.2
Total	618.4	101.2	872.1	149.2
TURMERIC:				
Haiti	114.8	10.3	116.4	11.6
India	2,470.6	444.6	2,219.6	697.9
Indonesia	33.2	15.9	---	---
Jamaica	467.3	48.8	461.7	67.5
Pakistan	134.6	17.9	---	---
Peru	152.7	17.4	308.0	33.8
Taiwan	10.7	1.3	20.0	3.7
Total	3,383.9	556.2	3,125.7	814.5
VANILLA BEANS:				
France	2.4	11.1	.2	2.0
French Polynesia	15.5	87.0	16.6	96.5
Indonesia	146.0	356.4	55.5	193.7
Malagasy Republic ^{6/}	1,879.0	8,886.4	1,720.5	8,284.8
Malaysia	15.9	72.2	28.7	139.1
Mexico	82.3	338.0	75.1	324.1
Uganda	7.2	34.2	3.1	15.4
Other	12.0	49.4	3.6	14.7
Total	2,160.3	9,834.7	1,903.3	9,070.3
MIXED SPICES:				
Ethiopia	10.8	1.3	---	---
Germany, West	15.5	18.3	14.9	17.6
India	3.0	1.2	30.7	13.7
Morocco	17.5	2.4	17.4	2.2
Switzerland	9.3	10.1	3.9	3.7
Uganda	---	---	15.0	4.0
Other	14.1	30.9	35.9	24.9
Total	70.2	64.2	117.8	66.1

^{1/} Unground, unless otherwise specified.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Market value in country of origin, exclusive of import duty, freight and insurance charges.

^{4/} Ground and unground.

^{5/} Insignificant.

^{6/} Includes Comores and Reunion.

Specified condiments: United States approximate average annual unit import
value from selected origins ^{1/}

Condiment and origin ^{2/}	1969	1968	Condiment and origin ^{2/}	1969	1968
	Cents per lb.	Cents per lb.		Cents per lb.	Cents per lb.
ALLSPICE (PIMENTO):			MARJORAM:		
Guatemala	65.2	63.9	France	53.2	42.8
Jamaica	72.9	70.8	Mexico	10.9	18.4
ANISE SEED:			MINT LEAVES:		
Mexico	21.2	33.4	Egypt	46.7	46.9
Spain	23.5	24.2	MUSTARD SEED:		
BASIL:			Canada	6.4	7.4
France	66.0	48.7	Denmark	7.3	8.9
Hungary	55.6	24.6	NUTMEGS:		
CAPERS:			Indonesia	39.6	40.1
Morocco	35.3	27.3	West Indies	46.0	36.3
Spain	30.4	25.3	ORIGANUM LEAVES:		
CAPRICUM PEPPERS:			Greece	31.2	27.9
Japan	25.7	30.9	Mexico	16.2	16.4
Mexico	15.7	18.5	PAPRIKA: ^{3/}		
Turkey	24.4	24.2	Bulgaria	33.0	35.5
Uganda	26.1	26.4	Morocco	28.0	27.5
CARAWAY SEED:			Spain	30.2	32.0
Netherlands	16.3	16.3	PARSLEY ^{4/}		
Poland	15.2	15.5	Germany, West	53.5	56.4
CARDAMON SEED:			PEPPER, BLACK:		
Guatemala	211.2	203.5	Brazil	25.6	23.3
India	504.2	473.7	India	41.4	31.8
CASSIA:			Indonesia	29.0	27.0
Indonesia	107.9	61.8	PEPPER, WHITE:		
Vietnam, South	90.9	90.9	Brazil	29.9	32.3
CELERY SEED:			Indonesia	33.4	31.8
France	57.9	39.9	POPPY SEED:		
India	35.3	21.1	Netherlands	29.9	20.6
CINNAMON:			Romania	25.7	17.9
Ceylon	57.3	74.6	Turkey	23.3	17.3
Seychelles	38.9	23.8	ROSEMARY:		
CLOVES:			Portugal	7.5	7.6
Malagasy Republic ..	90.2	37.2	SAGE:		
Tanzania	168.8	39.5	Albania	15.4	17.1
CORIANDER SEED:			Yugoslavia	31.4	30.0
Morocco	8.8	8.0	SAVORY:		
Romania	7.7	7.7	Yugoslavia	11.7	10.4
CUMMIN SEED:			SESAME SEED:		
Iran	13.7	14.1	Ethiopia	11.6	10.0
CURRY & CURRY POWDER:			Mexico	17.1	13.9
India	55.7	53.2	Nicaragua	16.8	17.3
DILL SEED:			TARRAGON:		
India	16.9	11.8	Yugoslavia	59.5	54.8
FENNEL SEED:			THYME:		
Bulgaria	13.3	11.9	France	27.2	27.8
India	23.2	18.3	Spain	11.5	10.4
GINGER:			TURMERIC:		
India	33.5	17.8	India	31.4	18.0
Jamaica	63.6	35.4	Jamaica	14.6	10.4
Nigeria	23.4	14.8	VANILLA BEANS:		
LAUREL LEAVES:			French Polynesia ..	581.3	561.3
Turkey	16.0	18.9	Indonesia	349.0	244.1
MACE:			Malagasy Republic..	481.5	472.9
Indonesia	57.4	50.5	Mexico	431.6	410.7

^{1/} Market value in country of origin, exclusive of U.S. import duty, freight, and insurance charges.

^{2/} Unground or not manufactured unless otherwise specified. ^{3/} Ground or unground.

^{4/} Manufactured.

UNITED STATES: Rates of import duties for specified
condiments and flavoring materials as of January 1, 1970
and future rates to be effective January 1, 1971 and 1972

TSUSA - Tariff No.	Commodity	Rates of duty	
		A 1/	B 2/
	Allspice (Pimento):		
161.86	Not ground	Free	Free
161.88	Ground	1.4¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.2¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.0¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
161.01	Anise Seed	Free	Free
	Basil:		
161.03	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.05	Other	10% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
161.07	Capers	16% ad. val.	20% ad. val.
	Capsicum or Red Peppers:		
	Not ground:		
161.80	Anaheim and ancho	5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
161.83	Other	3.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	3¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	2.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
161.84	Ground	5.1¢/lb.	8¢/lb.
161.09	Caraway Seed	Free	Free
161.11	Cardamom Seed	Free	Free
	Cassia:		
161.13	Not ground	Free	Free
161.15	Ground	2.1¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.8¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
126.21	Celery Seed	0.2¢/lb.	2¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.1¢/lb.	2¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	Free	2¢/lb.
	Cinnamon:		
161.17	Not ground	Free	Free
161.19	Ground	2.1¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.8¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	Cloves:		
161.21	Not ground	Free	Free
161.23	Ground	3¢/lb.	6¢/lb.
161.25	Coriander Seed	Free	Free
161.27	Cumin Seed	Free	Free
161.29	Curry and Curry Powder	0.4¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.2¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	Free	5¢/lb.
161.31	Dill Seed	7% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/71	6% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
161.33	Fennel Seed	Free	Free
	Ginger (not candied or preserved):		
161.35	Not ground	Free	Free
161.37	Ground	1.4¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.2¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.0¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	Laurel Leaves:		
161.39	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.41	Other	7% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/71	6% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	Mace (Except Bombay or Wild):		
161.47	Not ground	Free	Free
161.49	Ground	1.6¢/lb.	8¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.8¢/lb.	8¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	Free	8¢/lb.
	Marjoram:		
161.51	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.53	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.

UNITED STATES: Rates of import duties for specified
condiments and flavoring materials as of January 1, 1970
and future rates to be effective January 1, 1971 and 1972 (cont.)

TSUSA - Tariff No.	Commodity	Rates of duty	
		A 1/	B 2/
	Mint Leaves:		
161.55	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.57	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	Mustard:		
161.61	Seeds, whole	0.6¢/lb.	2¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.5¢/lb.	2¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	0.43¢/lb.	2¢/lb.
161.59	Ground or prepared	2.5¢/lb.	10¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	2.2¢/lb.	10¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	2.0¢/lb.	10¢/lb.
	Nutmegs:		
161.63	Not ground	Free	Free
161.65	Ground	2.1¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.8¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	Origanum Leaves:		
161.67	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.69	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
161.71	Paprika (ground or not ground)	5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	Parsley:		
161.73	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.75	Other	17% ad. val.	20% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/71	16% ad. val.	20% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	15% ad. val.	20% ad. val.
	Pepper, Black or White:		
161.77	Not ground	Free	Free
161.79	Ground	2.1¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.8¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.5¢/lb.	5¢/lb.
175.36	Poppy Seed	6¢/cwt.	32¢/cwt.
	Rosemary:		
161.90	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
161.92	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	Sage:		
161.94	Not ground	0.7¢/lb.	1¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.5¢/lb.	1¢/lb.
161.96	Ground or rubbed	2.1¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1.8¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	1.5¢/lb.	3¢/lb.
	Savory:		
162.01	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
162.03	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
175.45	Sesame Seed	0.2¢/lb.	1.18¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	0.1¢/lb.	1.18¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	Free	1.18¢/lb.
	Tarragon:		
162.05	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
162.07	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	Thyme:		
162.09	Crude or not manufactured	Free	Free
162.11	Other	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
162.13	Turmeric	Free	Free
193.15	Vanilla Beans	3¢/lb.	30¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/71	1¢/lb.	30¢/lb.
	As of 1/1/72	Free	30¢/lb.
162.15	Mixed spices and spices, and spice seeds not specially provided for	8% ad. val.	25% ad. val.
	As of 1/1/72	7.5% ad. val.	25% ad. val.

1/ Column A rates applicable for all countries except those listed under footnote 2/.

2/ Column B rates applicable for products of Communist areas which include the following:
Albania, Bulgaria, Mainland China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Indo-
china (parts under Communist control), North Korea, Mongolian Republic, Romania, Tibet,
and the USSR (including Estonia, the Kurile Islands, Latvia, Lithuania, southern
Sakhalin, and Tanna Tuva).

World Trade of Specified Spices

Pepper--World exports of black and white pepper (Piper nigrum L.) in 1969 were below the 1968 level of 190 million pounds as a result of smaller shipments by India and Indonesia. Responding to reports of a sharply reduced Indonesian crop, New York spot Lampung (Indonesian) black pepper prices soared from mid-August quotations of 35 cents per pound to as high as 69 cents per pound by early October. Heavy speculative buying by Singapore syndicates also contributed considerably to the sharp rise in prices. Prices have since eased with Lampung pepper being quoted at around 57 cents per pound as of early March 1970.

India's exports for 1969 are expected to total considerably under the 1968 shipments of 54.7 million pounds. Exports during the first 7 months of 1969 were only 21.2 million pounds compared with 36.9 million during the similar 1968 period. Exports for 1970 should increase due to a larger 1969-70 (November-October) harvest and to a growing demand by importing countries because of reduced supplies from Indonesia.

The USSR was the largest market for India's exports in 1968 and took 27.7 million pounds, or approximately one-half of total exports. Shipments to the United States again were at very low levels and amounted to only 2.2 million pounds because U.S. importers continued to buy heavily from Indonesia. From the January-July 1969 exports, 7.2 million pounds went to the USSR and only 864,200 pounds to the United States. For calendar year 1969, U.S. imports from India totaled 2.9 million pounds compared with 2.6 million during the previous year.

Indian pepper prices have also risen sharply. New York spot Malabar prices rose from 43 cents per pound as of mid-August to over 70 cents per pound by early October. Early March 1970 prices were quoted at around 57 cents per pound.

Indonesian exports in 1968, at 50.3 million pounds, fell 39 percent from the previous year. Total shipments for 1969 are expected to be even smaller as a result of the failure of the Lampung crop, which was damaged by drought conditions. Exports during the first half of 1969 have totaled only 14 million pounds, and reduced exports have been estimated for the remainder of the year.

Indonesia's 1968 exports were comprised of 43.6 million pounds of black pepper and 6.7 million pounds of white. The United States continued to remain the major terminal market for Indonesian pepper with imports from that country totaling 38 million pounds in 1968 and 33 million in 1969. Indonesian export data for 1968 show direct shipments to the United States at 11 million pounds; 31 million to Singapore; 3 million to the Soviet Union; 2.2 million to West Germany; and other 3.1 million pounds.

Singapore's reexports of pepper in 1968 increased 27 percent over 1967 to 91.4 million pounds reflecting the resumption of shipments from Indonesia to the Singapore entrepot and increased supplies from Sarawak. Most of the Indonesian pepper reexported from Singapore is destined for the United States.

Sarawak's exports in 1968 were a record 51 million pounds with over four-fifths being channeled through Singapore. Shipments during the first 4 months of 1969 totaled 13.8 million pounds compared with 8.9 million for the corresponding 1968 period.

Exports from Brazil and the Malagasy Republic were also at record levels in 1968. Shipments from Brazil during January-September 1969 were 20.6 million pounds and the total for 1969 will easily exceed the 1968 record.

Vanilla--World vanilla bean exports in 1968 totaled 2.9 million pounds, an increase of 26 percent over the previous year's level of 2.3 million pounds. Although exports were up sharply in 1968, reflecting a recovery in shipments by the Malagasy Republic, they still remained under the 1965 level of 3.2 million pounds. March 1970 New York spot Bourbon vanilla bean prices range from \$5.50 to \$5.60 per pound and are unchanged from a year ago.

Vanilla exports from the Malagasy Republic in 1968 totaled 2.1 million pounds valued at \$10.3 million compared with only 1.47 million pounds valued at \$6.8 million for the year before. The sharp rise in exports was due to a recovery in shipments to the United States, where importers and dealers were replacing stocks that had undergone considerable reduction during the previous 2 years. The Republic's exports to the United States in 1968 amounted to 1.49 million pounds valued at \$7.2 million--well above 1967 shipments of 0.93 million pounds. Other major recipients of the Republic's vanilla exports in 1968 were France (348,327 pounds) and West Germany (233,688 pounds). Exports for the first 9 months of 1969 have totaled 1.64 million pounds valued at \$8.0 million--up from 1.42 million pounds valued at \$6.8 million during the similar 1968 period.

Mexico's exports in 1968 amounted to 118,103 pounds, or off about 37,000 pounds from 1967 shipments. The United States remained the largest market and took 110,717 pounds with the balance going to Argentina and Japan. March 1970 New York spot prices for Mexican vanilla range from \$6.25 to \$6.50 per pound.

U.S. vanilla imports in 1969 were 1.90 million pounds valued at \$9.1 million and were slightly below the 1968 level of 2.16 million pounds valued at \$9.8 million.

Cloves--Clove exports from Tanzania and the Malagasy Republic--the world's largest suppliers--in 1968 amounted to 53.2 million pounds, up from 1967 exports of 50.6 million. Shipments from the Malagasy Republic in 1968 more than doubled from 1967 to a record 27.4 million pounds, while exports by Tanzania dropped sharply to 25.8 million from 39.0 million in 1967.

Clove trade in 1969 fell, reflecting smaller crops in both Tanzania and the Malagasy Republic and sharply higher prices. New York spot prices have rocketed from 38 cents per pound as of March 1968 to \$1.77 per pound a year later and were being quoted at \$2.20 per pound by early March 1970. Responding to the tight supply situation and high prices, U.S. clove imports in 1969 fell to 0.97 million pounds from 3.9 million during the previous year.

Cassia and cinnamon--Cassia and cinnamon prices are also at very high levels, reflecting declining production in South Vietnam and Indonesia. In Indonesia, where most of the world's cassia crop is produced, the easily accessible producing areas have become exhausted, and it is becoming more difficult and less profitable to collect the bark in the remote areas, even at today's high prices.

Vietnam production has also declined. Only 6,600 pounds were shipped during the first 7 months of 1969 and exports in 1968 totaled a mere 48,500 pounds compared with the 1960-64 average level of 1.3 million pounds. The unit value of cassia imports (all sources) into the United States soared from a 60.4 cents per pound average in 1968 to 97.7 cents per pound in 1969.

Exports of cinnamon, however, from Ceylon and the Seychelles--the world's largest suppliers--have increased in recent years and have offered consumers some relief from the tight cassia supply situation.

Ginger--Ginger prices have risen sharply, reflecting declining exports by India and Jamaica. New York spot Cochin (Indian) ginger was being quoted at 85 cents per pound as of early March 1970, up from 53 cents and 25 cents per pound in March of 1969 and 1968, respectively. Exports from India in 1968 fell to 4.9 million pounds compared with 9.6 million a year earlier and were considerably below the 1960-64 average level of 12.1 million pounds. The 1968 drought cut Jamaica's exports to only 1 million pounds, down from 1.6 million in 1967. The Nigerian civil war also added to the uncertainty of the supply situation.

Exports of specified spices and flavoring materials
by major producing countries, average 1960-64 and
annually 1965 through 1968

Item and country	Average, 1960-64	1965	1966	1967	1968
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
BLACK AND WHITE PEPPER:					
Indonesia	55,082	27,272	46,304	82,117	50,288
India	42,581	50,025	54,803	45,999	54,665
Sarawak	22,482	39,455	29,241	43,680	51,079
Brazil	6,191	16,305	14,060	21,299	21,444
Malagasy Republic	2,741	3,402	2,440	3,195	6,803
Cambodia	2,230	3,976	3,259	3,808	1/ 3,800
Ceylon	623	1,531	677	228	1,811
Total	131,930	141,966	150,784	200,326	189,890
VANILLA BEANS:					
Malagasy Republic	1,065	2,169	1,951	1,468	2,119
French Polynesia	440	298	242	147	146
Comores	264	368	296	329	1/ 300
Reunion	93	126	37	40	1/ 40
Mexico	131	85	49	155	118
Indonesia	1/ 63	1/ 131	1/ 123	1/ 130	1/ 150
Seychelles	10	3	10	3	2
Guadeloupe	4	4	2	1/ 2	1/ 2
Uganda	4	6	14	6	7
Dominica	2	1/ 2	1/ 2	1/ 2	1/ 2
Total	2,076	3,192	2,726	2,282	2,886
GINGER ROOT:					
India	12,068	8,758	11,357	9,610	4,928
Nigeria	4,015	4,171	6,270	2,726	4,323
Sierra Leone	1,310	1,828	1,027	2,054	3,427
Jamaica	1,390	1,941	1,844	1,600	1,020
Total	18,783	16,698	20,498	15,990	13,698
CLOVES:					
Tanzania	21,318	18,906	30,257	39,043	25,829
Malagasy Republic	8,219	9,751	7,437	11,594	27,392
Total	29,537	28,657	37,694	50,637	53,221
CINNAMON:					
Ceylon	6,392	6,135	6,076	6,801	8,782
Seychelles	2,392	4,230	3,371	5,464	6,686
Total	8,784	10,365	9,447	12,265	15,468
CASSIA:					
Indonesia	20,257	15,655	2/	2/	2/
South Vietnam	1,295	853	64	84	49
Total	21,552	16,508	2/	2/	2/
NUTMEGS:					
Indonesia	9,025	8,684	2/	2/	2/
Grenada	1,232	3,277	1,942	1,510	3,635
Ceylon	300	179	314	86	238
St. Vincent	111	205	143	2/	2/
Trinidad & Tobago	89	129	90	111	79
Total	10,757	12,474	2/	2/	2/
MACE:					
Indonesia	1,458	1,173	2/	2/	2/
Grenada	243	558	242	284	337
Ceylon	23	10	4	---	---
St. Vincent	19	40	28	2/	2/
Trinidad & Tobago	17	14	6	6	4
Total	1,760	1,795	2/	2/	2/

1/ Estimated. 2/ Not available.

BLACK AND WHITE PEPPER: Distribution of exports by
specified producing countries, 1968

Continent and country	Indonesia	India	Sarawak	Brazil	Malagasy Republic
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Western Europe:					
EEC:					
Belgium-Luxembourg	648	---	101	310	78
France	---	9	---	1,993	3,287
Germany, West	2,237	150	2,744	3,187	171
Italy	---	4,010	---	68	456
Netherlands	1,026	18	34	550	---
Subtotal	3,911	4,187	2,879	6,108	3,992
Other Western Europe:					
United Kingdom	838	46	67	974	---
Yugoslavia	---	1,759	---	---	---
Other	---	351	1,926	28	---
Total	4,749	6,343	4,872	7,110	3,992
Eastern Europe & USSR:					
Bulgaria	---	948	---	198	---
Czechoslovakia	---	2,460	---	---	---
Germany, East	---	1,356	---	---	---
Hungary	---	1,534	---	---	---
Poland	---	2,390	---	---	---
Romania	---	2,842	---	---	---
USSR	2,954	27,705	---	---	---
Total	2,954	39,235	---	198	---
Other:					
Algeria	---	882	---	---	1,765
Argentina	---	---	---	2,106	---
Australia	---	37	235	---	---
Canada	---	2,806	---	4	---
Egypt	---	1,764	---	---	---
Hong Kong	---	---	224	---	---
Japan	---	99	246	46	---
Mexico	---	---	---	1,403	---
Morocco	---	11	2,587	44	---
Singapore	30,981	11	42,067	---	---
South Africa	---	---	358	---	---
United States	10,968	2,227	---	8,688	3
Not specified	636	1,250	494	1,845	1/1,043
Grand total	50,288	54,665	51,083	21,444	6,803

1/ Of which Senegal 504, Tunisia 442.

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